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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of May 7 thru May 13, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 736 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FIREFIGHTER/EMTs – The City of Saint Paul will be accepting applications for Firefighter/EMT from May 1 through May 28 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, including minimum qualifications, testing schedule, and training sessions, go to:

www.stpaul.gov/firefighter.



FLASH BURN - On May 10 at 7:04 p.m. on the 1400 block of Osceola Avenue fire companies were called to a report of a deck fire. Upon arrival they found a propane grill fire that was out with no extension to any structures. The resident was lighting the grill for the first time in the season and gas flow was diminished, resulting in a weak flame so he tapped the propane tank valve, heard whooshing gas, and the fumes flashed. He and his wife sustained burn injuries. He was transported to a nearby hospital by paramedics. Damage is estimated at \$300.

DWELLING FIRE - At 10:02 a.m. on May 11, Firefighters responded to a basement fire in a one-story dwelling at 996 Tuscarora Avenue. The lone occupant, a college-aged woman, was sleeping in her basement bedroom when she heard the smoke alarm but she was trapped in her tiny bedroom by the fire. Fortunately she was small enough, and able-bodied enough, to escape through a very small basement window near the ceiling of her bedroom. She was the only one home. Other family members were at church.

Five small dogs were killed in the fire. One other dog was resuscitated by firefighters at the scene.

This home had three illegal - and dangerous - bedrooms in the basement. Although there was a smoke alarm, there were no legal escape windows. Being an older home, there were no fire sprinklers that could have controlled the fire while she escaped.

Firefighters were able to quickly put out the fire confine it only to the basement, but there was smoke damage throughout the home which is uninhabitable. Red Cross is providing the residents with temporary shelter. The cause is under investigation. The home sustained \$60,000 in damages and \$40,000 to its contents.



This small dog resuscitated by firefighters survived the fire.

LOW VOLTAGE FIRE - On May 9 at 5:47 p.m. on the 700 block of Grand Avenue a low voltage wiring in wall hit by a screw overheated and over a long duration heated and dried wood on interior of wall and ignited. Damage is estimated at \$5,500.

STABBING - On May 11 at 4:59 a.m. on the 700 block of Victoria Street a 51 year old man had been stabbed. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

VEHICLE FIRE - On May 11 at 8:12 p.m. on the 1600 block of White Bear Avenue fire companies extinguished a vehicle fire that was caused from backfire in the engine. Damage is estimated at \$1,600.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On May 11 at 8:52 p.m. on the 900 block of Central Avenue West an 18 year old man a 24 year old man were shot. Paramedics treated and transported them to a nearby hospital.

DWELLING FIRE - On May 13 at 10:53 a.m. on the 1200 block of Clarence Street the occupant had been replacing kitchen floor and was trying to remove the mastic on floor using acetone. The vapors were ignited by the water heater which was not shut off. She grabbed her son and ran upstairs to get another child from bed and then ran outside. There were no injuries. Damages totaled \$100,000.



Dwelling fire on the 1200 block of Clarence Street.